

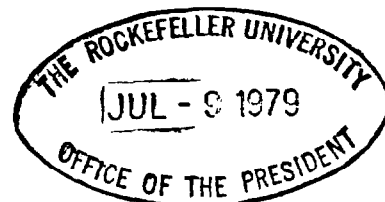
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Dear Josh:

I've not received reprints for my Causality article as yet, but will send one if I do. In the meantime, here is a xerox. Also here is an article in which you are quoted (p.10); I hope you like it, as I've suggested you to Science (which rejected the Causality article) as a reviewer. If you don't like it, be kind for old time's sake.

I was a semantics major at Stanford, and turned to science as an escape, when it finally dawned on me that people do not want to understand each other. Displaying egos is ever so much more important than clarifying misunderstandings (how can rational people really disagree, with the same world to abstract from?). People also, in their immaturity, want simple answers to obviously complex problems: God and the Gene (no offense). Upstaged by a computer?! However, complex problems will only be solved by equally complex analyses.

Best regards,

*Barbara.*

Barbara E. Wright, Ph.D.



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*Thank you, Barbara. I was delighted (and had not perceived) that "BEWright" was the Barbara of 'old times'. The problem is how to do particular research, without the benefit of [over]simplifying assumptions about the world. You'd enjoy talking to Nancy Maull, Philosophy Dept, Yale - if you haven't already.*

*Yours,  
Joshua*